The provision of funds for constructing a building for the dispensary will be considered when framing the next year's budget.

As regards the Mundattinkara *todu*, the ryots concerned have been told to cut it open at their own cost. So far, it is reported that they have not done anything.

An estimate is ready for deepening the Dhana *todu* but it is awaiting execution for want of funds.

An estimate has been sanctioned for improving the Veeyapuram village road, and it is to be taken up in the order of priority fixed by the Road Board.

In regard to the Kayankulam-Kartikapalli road, the work is costly and not urgent and has been ordered to lie over. In the Elanjimel road some sections have been taken up and the remaining must lie over until the financial position improves.

The question of abolishing the Haripad Municipal Council was considered by Government, and it was decided that the matter should lie over.

I have already said that the general question of the levy of tolls by Municipal Councils is under consideration.

Government are very much alive to the need for dealing with the present fall in prices and other signs of economic depression. It is therefore that last July the tariff values on about ten articles were reduced. The question of appointing a trade agent will be considered. Government will take all steps necessary as are suggested and found suitable.

103. Needs of the Kartikapalli taluk.

MR. A. C. RAJA RAJA VARMA KOILTAMPURAN (*Municipal Council, Haripad*) first represented about the necessity for re-establishing the Magistrate's Court at Haripad and referred to the many difficulties experienced by the people owing to the want of a court. If a new court could not be established, he suggested that the local Tahsildar be invested with magisterial powers and about fourteen *pakuthies* of the Kartikapalli and the adjoining taluks placed under his jurisdiction.

The Dhanapadi canal was gradually being silted up by sand and land slides from its banks. The canal should be widened and deepened and a parapet wall built on the eastern side of the canal. The canal, if improved, could, besides improving means of communication, serve also for irrigation purposes.

There was a village road from the Kartikapalli bazaar to Kayankulam *via* Mutukulam and Keerikad. The road was in a state of disrepair. It should be improved and gravelled and made fit for cart traffic.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Koiltampuran, I will just refer you to my answers to the last speaker.

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